



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Verrier *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/769,439

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For: **Kit for Transvenously Accessing
the Pericardial Space Via the
Right Atrium**

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Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **February 26, 2003** (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 11), the period for response to which has been extended through June 26, 2003 by the attached petition for an extension of time and payment of an appropriate fee, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.